

PURDY SAYS:

Why let so many of your little chickens die when Conkley's Butter-milk starting feed will save practically all of them?

Our old friend Rev. W. H. Hook at Hunter, Mo., inquires the address of Rev. Geo. W. Petty, formerly a citizen of Audrain county. Bro. Petty is up about Sedalia, we think; we don't know his exact address.

L. W. Roberts for first-class service and funeral work. Licensed embalmers. Answer calls promptly day or night.

Harry Galloway beyond Worcester, called on the Message a few days ago.

R. B. Scherer, down Worcester way, was in to see the Message on Monday.

C. A. Wilder of Laddonia was a business caller at Message headquarters Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howell are home from their recent visit in Montana and Wyoming.

Miss Sallie Calhoun is visiting her sister near Rush Hill. Mrs. Roy Barkley.

South Muldrow and Breckenridge streets in south Mexico have been oiled.

Miss Mary Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnston of Santa Fe, spent Saturday in Mexico, where she is studying piano with Mrs. Abbie Snoddy and voice with Miss Dannie Kelso.

George Helwig was in to see the Message a few days ago.

T. G. Hawkins of Laddonia called on the Message Monday.

J. A. Thomas, who formerly owned a fine farm northwest of Laddonia, later lived at Vandalia, is now a resident of Curryville.

They are scared out in Kansas. An old white-haired German has been selling court plaster supposed to have tetanus germs in it. Maybe you'd better let that court plaster alone. Buy your court plaster from a place that can stand by a guarantee of purity. If that innocent looking old man is guilty Kansas will attend to him.

David H. Robertson, the attorney, who has made application for a place in the Officers' Reserve Camp at Fort Riley, is putting in his time studying, anticipating the duties that may shortly fall upon him. The soldier boy has his tasks.

LITTLE CHILD DEAD.

Benjamin Oscar, a year and nine months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Butler of this city, died Monday morning. The funeral was held at the home Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. P. Atkins.

MR. McILHINEY DEAD.

A. J. McIlhiney, 75 years old, an old resident of Mexico, a former Union soldier, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon. The wife and several children survive him.

George Hall has purchased the South Side Restaurant.

Benton City has organized a Red Cross society of 60 members.

See full program of the Mexico Chautauqua in this issue of the Message.

A SOLDIER BOY.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Worsham of this city have letters from their son, Richard Carson Worsham, who is a soldier in France. He left here in March. Says he likes army life better than civil life. "Come on," he says to the other Mexico boys, "it's a fine place over here."

DOMESTIC SCIENCE TEACHER.

Miss Ethel Reed, a graduate of Missouri University, who has been teaching in Louisiana State for several years—an instructor in the Louisiana Industrial School—has been chosen as teacher of Domestic Science in McMillan High School.

Miss Reed is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Reed, residing southeast of Mexico. She comes highly recommended.

Saturday is registration day for the women.

FIRST NEW WHEAT.

Laddonia, Mo., July 24.—George L. Williams delivered the first load of wheat to this market yesterday. It graded No. 2 and brought \$2.25 per bushel. Oats are making from 20 to 50 bushels to the acre, with the largest acreage the county ever had.

RURAL SCHOOLS

A Test For an Audrain Boy to The State Fair—County Teachers in School This Summer.

By W. CLYDE JOHNSON.

T. J. Walker, Rural School Inspector, has written me that I am to select a boy to represent Audrain County at the Missouri State Fair at Sedalia September 22-29, 1917. The boy must pay his railroad fare to Sedalia and return. While there he is a guest of the State Board, and all his expenses are paid by the State. Each morning he attends a school of instruction but the afternoons and evenings are spent in seeing things of interest. Those interested should meet me at McMillan High School Building Friday, August 3rd. You may come either in the morning or the afternoon as suits you best. There will be a short written test of five questions on Geography, Arithmetic and Grammar and a subject on Agriculture to write a short essay of 200 or 250 words—Selecting and Testing Seed Corn.

In past years, five boys have gone—Frank Wilfley, Laddonia; James B. Crosswhite, Clark; Charlie Arnold, Jr., Mexico; John Day, Mexico, and Stanley Wilson, Mollino. Each one had the time of his life. Ask him about it. Last year two went. Only one can go this year. Will you be the one? Teachers, parents, do you want your boy to go? Speak to him about it. It is open to all farm boys from 13 to 17 years. Then be on hands at McMillan Friday, August 3rd.

Audrain, as usual, is well represented in the different summer schools. I wish that I could report each one but I cannot. Through the courtesy of Miss Zella Brown I have the following list of those at Kirksville: Misses Georgia Gooch, Mayme Neal, Mesdames Louise Ryan and H. E. Lewis of Vandalia, (all of Vandalia's elementary teachers are in summer school). Mrs. Laura Houghland, Misses Sallie Garrett, Sallie Crane, Ruth Rouse, Zella Brown, Alma Brown, Dorothy Seckle, Willie Whitson, Elsie Nagel, Gertrude Nagel, Elsie Brown, Ella Criswell, Gladys Furber, Florence Kirkpatrick, Mattie Butler, Corinne Littrell, Dottie Angell, Annie Cowherd, Mary Griffin, Lizzie Telkemper, Beulah Patrick, Margery Leach, and C. S. Gooch. There are probably as many more at Columbia, Warrensburg, Cape Girardeau and La Grange. I doubt if any county can make a better record.

Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4, in McMillan Building will be given the last county examination for teachers. Only a few are taking the examinations as most of the teachers have first-grade certificates or better. About 30 are taking the examinations; 15 of these have never taught of which five have schools. The other 15 have taught at least one year and 10 of them have schools. Most of the beginners get their certificates while in high school. A few get theirs from the Normals. Another few—a very few—get theirs by county examination.

POWELL FORD.

Several families scarce of water. Some fields of oats are fine and others are very good. Meadows good. We wish to compliment the promoters for the Red Cross Aid at the social at Mr. and Mrs. Hebel's. Miss Anna McMurry and Miss Lutees of M. S. U. and Edna McMurry, spent Friday and Saturday with homefolks. They also entertained Ellen Carter, Virgie and Anna Bledsoe, Pauline Powell.

The friends of Miss Edith Turner are glad to hear of her recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Milford Berry, M. N. Powell, and sister, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dode Barnes, Mollino.

Registration of Women for Service July 5 is not a suffrage movement, or petition of women for service as a aid. The Registration is an avenue for information to the Government under the auspices of National Committee of Defense whose aims are to let the Government know the local resources of the community. The work is a voluntary service of the Women's Committee of National Defense. It will give accurate information that may serve the civilian population as well as the men engaged in various forms of war service. To save state and national expense a complete registration is desired.

HAVE COME BACK.

The Message has notice that Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Austin and children have returned from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Mexico—"back to stay," as Mrs. Austin puts it. Mr. Austin is at Fergus Falls, Minn., at present. A family of very fine folks, and the Message is glad to have them return to Audrain county.

THE CONSCRIPTED BOYS ARE CHOSEN.

John Spene of The West Part of The County First Man Drawn; Everett Green of Mexico Next.

Everybody in Audrain county and the whole country was made to feel fully last Friday that a cruel war is upon us. Uncle Sam called for our boys to get ready to go to the front.

Every man who registered June 5th will be called in time. He will then be put thru a rigid test. Audrain county, it is thought, must furnish 104 men. Thirty-five have already enlisted, leaving 69 men to complete the quota.

One hundred and thirty-seven men were called from Washington Friday whose names are given below in the order in which the men will appear before the examining board.

We are giving the names below in place of the official list, which is in the mails on the way from Washington.

258, John W. Spene, Sturgeon.
458, Everett E. Green, Mexico.
1436, John W. Merrell, Vandalia.
854, Joe Gregory, Thompson.
1455, Clifford C. McPike, Vandalia.
783, Charles Hamblin, Centralia.
1117, Howard S. Coll, Laddonia.
1572, William M. Jesse, Mexico.
837, Stephens S. Smith, Hatton.
Roy Harris Ritter, Mexico.
676, Stanley M. Hill, Thompson.
275, Roy Lee Rice, Farber.
544, Michael D. Devaney, Benton.
1185, James Scott, Jr., Martinsburg.

509, Clyde Eugene Barnard, Laddonia.
R. F. D. 3.
945, Robt. Belton Newbrough, R. F. D. 6, Mexico.

596, Aloman Heinicke, Rush Hill.
1267, Lee Edwin Brown, Martinsburg.
1495, Roy Herman Jeffries, Vandalia.

536, Clarence Eugene Brown, Farber.
547, Clarence Homer Mechlin, Laddonia.

126 Leonard Horace Mundy, Mexico.
1679, Wm Henry Lewbright, Mexico.
1237, James Davenport, Thompson.

784 Grant Irving, Centralia.
755, John Carson Blanton, Thompson.
1546, John Wm. Wright, Mexico.
107, Paul Estil Younger, Mexico.

1563, Churchill B. Brooks, Mexico.
1369, Hays Caldwell, Vandalia.
616, Robert Oscar Walters, Rush Hill.
266, Frank Joseph Cernoch, Martinsburg.

1676, Pet Talton, Mexico.
313, Roy Brown Jesse, Mexico.
775, Ralph Edward Burnett, Centralia.

600, Marquess Lake Dillard, Laddonia.
810, Henry Allison Wheeler, Thompson.

507, Edwin Wilson Wallace, Laddonia.
1682, James Wm. Allen, Mexico.
309, Edward James Murphy, Mexico.

437, Albert Lee Ketterey, Mexico.
1324, Charles Martin Fennelwald, Martinsburg.
604, Jesse James Dye, Rush Hill.

43, Lee Roe, Mexico.
1006 Arthur Stanley Kellerhals, Benton City.
1204, Earl John Pritchett, Martinsburg.

1548, Washington Clifton Rowan, 506 Bolivar, Mexico.
924, Fred Peck, Mexico.

1178, Joseph Hoffman, Laddonia.
420, John Brown, Jr., Mexico.
514, Otis Parker, Rfd 3 Laddonia.

433, Roy Briarly, Mexico.
1329, Arch Lee Motley, Vandalia.
10 William R. Watson, Gazette, Mo.

1045, John Harrison Baker, Rfd 2, Benton City.
1031, Herman Johnson, Mexico.
1331, Thomas Murphy, Vandalia.

1685, Garland Clark, Mexico.
478, Roy Pearl, Mexico.
797, David William Walker, Centralia.

1236, Orla Romjue, Thompson.
432, Nageb Massey, Mexico.
18, Arthur Brooks, Wellsville.

652, Edward Turner Williams, Centralia.
927, William Patterson, Mexico.
601, Phillip Melahn, Rush Hill.

729 James Ridgeway, Centralia.
513, Frank L. Morris, R.3, Laddonia.
182 George Mundy, R.1, Rush Hill.

606, Ralph Patridge, Benton City.
46, Junior Towne, Maple St. Mexico.
1020, Ralph Coatsworth, Mexico.

1099, George Fergusson, Laddonia.
223, Andrew Cauthorn, Mexico.
117, James Stephenson, Mexico.

602, Daniel Robert Miller, Rush Hill.
39, Ralph Cox, Wellsville.
75, Wallace Feutz, Mexico.

772, Charles A. Thumel, Centralia.
721, Ray Crockett, Mexico.
786, Homer Harsbarger, Centralia.

280, Harry Albert Leet, Farber.
972, Clyde Mayhugh, Mexico.
983, Zenas Garrett, Mexico.

757, Walter Bryson, Centralia.
986, William Johnson, Mexico.
Daniel Hartley, Clark.

1500, Joseph G. Barnes, Mexico.
379, Lawrence Sims, Mexico.
542, Henry Earl Davis, Laddonia.

874, Earl Snell, Clark.
194, Joseph F. Teague, Laddonia.
532, Emel G. Apel, Benton City.

1809, Thomas Ernest, Martinsburg.

1675, Albert McDonald, Mexico.
298, Robert Britton, Laddonia.
675, LeRoy Bruce, Thompson.
1294, Joseph Meyerpeter, Martinsburg.
1148, Curtis Raymond Smith, Laddonia.

1354, Grover C. Davis, Vandalia.
1647, Ernest Ramsey, Mexico.
343, James Griffin, Mexico.

1613, James Nelson, Mexico.
982, Benjamin Oney, Mexico.
726, Lewis Crum, Mexico.

15, Grover Weber, Gazette.
933, Frank Cauthorn, Mexico.
905, Eugene Brown, Mexico.

1531, Howard Keith, Mexico.
1288, Jesse Hudnall, Martinsburg.
452, William Dean, Mexico.

355, Emmett Atkinson, Mexico.
530, Ashby McClintic, Laddonia.
809, Grover C. Sims, Thompson.

1114, Eugene Flynn, Laddonia.
1470, Nicolaus Schmidt, Vandalia.
645, Josephas Anderson, Centralia.

1334, Henry Carver, Vandalia.
620, Joseph Moorehead, Centralia.
218, Victor Barth Barnes, Mollino.

550, William Slavens, Rush Hill.
1611, Clarence Barney, Mexico.
574, Robert Ray, Benton City.

31, Charles V. Hall, Mt. Carmel.
981, Kirk Roberts, Mexico.
1570, Malcolm Morris, Mexico.

770, Elery B. Pool, Centralia.
832, Paul Wyss, Mexico.
677, William T. Berry, Thompson.

749, Harry Anderson, Centralia.
1509, Frank Bowne, Vandalia.
1211, Sterling P. Chapman, Mollino.

1417, Herbert Russell, Vandalia.
525, Charles Brace, Laddonia.
1574, William N. Jones, Jr., Mexico.

760, Joseph Louthen, Centralia.
183, Grover J. Debo, Rush Hill.
137, Charles Brenton, Mexico.

HAZEL LETTER.

Yes, Kryl's celebrated Band of musicians will be at the Mexico Chautauqua Friday, the fifth day.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crawford spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. McCall, the family of their daughter, in Laddonia.

Will Brader and family of near Laddonia spent Sunday at W. L. Beckley's.

*Mr. and Mrs. George Green and Miss Edna Green spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Jesse, near Rush Hill. R. A. McAfee and wife and little daughter, Virginia, of Auxvasse, also spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse.

The hay crop in this locality is light. Oats fairly good. Corn looks very good but needs rain.

O. F. Hafner started his thrasher last week.

It seems that some have paid but little attention to the law regarding the cutting of hedge fences along public highways. Mr. Rodgers will have some work.

MOLINO LETTER.

Edgar Martin and family visited in Vandalia Saturday and Sunday.

H. L. Weaver and family were guests of R. L. Robinson and family Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Davis spent from Tuesday till Sunday in Santa Fe.

Miss Gertrude Allen of St. Louis is the guest of T. U. Stuart and family.

Miss Edith Turner who has been quite sick is able to be up now.

Misses Cathleen and Madeline Alexander of Mexico visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday.

Revival meeting begins at Mt. Zion Thursday night, July 26. Everybody cordially invited.

Felix Arnall and family of Oklahoma visited R. L. Robinson's and Claude Bybee's several days last week.

Mrs. John Heizer and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. James Camplin of Santa Fe Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. D. W. Littrell remains quite ill.

Milt Roberts and family were Sunday guests of Dick Creed and family.

Miss Crystal Williams spent last week with Mrs. T. U. Stuart.

Rev. H. B. Barks of Mexico filled his regular preaching appointment at Bethel Sunday.

W. E. Cauthorn bought 10 shoats of Grover Williams last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beam of Mexico and son, Jesse Beam, of Hannibal, were recent guests of Henry Fisher and family.

Miss Lily Hendrix of Mexico returned home Monday from a visit with T. B. Hendrix and family.

D. M. Morris and family, brother of T. T. Morris, are in Mexico, having made the trip from their home in Stockton, California, in their Stutz auto in thirteen days. The family reunion at the home of T. T. Morris consisted of the families of D. M. Morris, Mrs. Linnie Tomlinson of St. Louis, Pate Morris of Mexico, Mrs. Homer Granade of Kansas City, and Miss Annie Lewis. There was also a picnic at the home of Will Creasey.

Among those present beside the above were Charlie Lewis' family, Austin Lewis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Canada, Henry and Fremont Plott, Mrs. T. T. Morris, William Sims. They had one grand time!

Special Sale Now Going On!

We Have Placed on Sale all of Our Summer Goods at a BIG REDUCTION.

25c Voiles, 6-yard lengths, 98c 25c Cotton Crepes, 6-yd lgths 98c
15c Voiles, 6-yard lengths, 68c 7 1-2 10c Lawns, 6-yd. lgths 38c

We will give away FREE one 9x12 Axminster Rug to the person purchasing the greatest amount of goods from July 19th to August 31, 1917.

Make your purchases at this store where goods are priced to sell, and win the \$30 Rug which will be given away September 1, 1917, at 2 p. m.

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Appointments Mexico Circuit.
Trinity—1st Sunday 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Bethel—2nd Sunday 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Groves' Chapel—2nd Sunday 3 p.m.
Littleby—3rd Sunday 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Olivet—4th Sunday 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday Schools at 10:00 a.m.
J. M. HORNBACK, Pastor, 322 W. Maple. Mutual Telephone No. 67.

WABASH
WABASH TIME TABLE.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 24, 1917.

East Bound.
No. 4, St. Louis and East... 3:32 a.m.
No. 148, St. Louis and East... 4:28 a.m.
No. 50 St. Louis Accom... 6:15 a.m.
No. 20 St. Louis 'Paul Limited'... 12:33 p.m.
No. 2 Colorado-St. Louis Limited... 3:10 p.m.
No. 12 St. Louis Express... 6:42 p.m.
No. 72 Local Freight except Sunday... 12:09 p.m.

West Bound.
No. 11 for Omaha and Des Moines... 11:55 p.m.
No. 5 for Kansas City west 1:46 a.m.
No. 13 Moberly Accom... 11:15 a.m.
No. 3 St. Louis-Colorado Limited... 12:09 p.m.
No. 9 for St. Paul, Kansas City west... 4:53 p.m.
No. 51 Moberly Accom... 8:49 p.m.
No. 73 Local Freight except Sunday... 9:20 a.m.

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SAM MORRIS.
John P. Gass of Sedalia was guest of his niece, Mrs. Tom Morris here.